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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, E/C
Attn: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
SUBJECT: IWG Activity Report for September 1954

The IWG was occupied principally during September in considering the proposed FY 1955 OIR economic defense staffing program, and in reviewing the need for establishment of a permanent record and/or the assessment of intelligence furnished the JOC during the recent security list review. The Second Annual Progress Report of the IWG was published during the month. The Export Control Desk continued its efforts to establish a central reference service of EXCON information.

The IWG was requested to review and comment on ED/EC D-60/1, "Proposed FY 1955 OIR Economic Defense Staffing Program", distributed to IWG as IWG/AM-26 of 21 September. This paper, which was approved earlier by the Executive Committee, outlined a program under which OIR could improve its research in support of the economic defense program through allocation of an additional small economic defense staff. Among the provisions of the proposal were those which specified that project requests from EDAC would normally be initiated through the IWG and that OIR project contributions would be referred to the IWG for review and comment. The IWG approved the proposal in principle on the condition that (a) OIR contributions, whether in response to spot requests or in connection with formal IWG projects, would not become agreed Government positions until the military services had been afforded an opportunity to comment thereon; and, (b) assurances in writing were received from the Chairman, Executive Committee, that all EDAC requests for intelligence

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will be channeled through the IWG to the responsible agency, thus assuring IWG members an opportunity to express agency views on such requests and production assignments. Within the context of intelligence programming to support EDAG, including the OIR proposal described, the Chairman of IWG reported that an Executive Committee outlined of anticipated research needs, suggesting allocation of agency responsibility, will be provided IWG for review and comment.

The question of whether to establish within the intelligence community a permanent record of all intelligence which had been contributed to the JOC for purposes of security list review first came before IWG on 13 May 1954. At that time, IWG members were cautioned that a possibility existed of the loss to the economic defense community of such intelligence if an effort were not made to systematically assemble the various "bits and pieces" into a permanent record. OIR suggested that it would be helpful for IWG members to review the JOC papers to appraise the adequacy of the intelligence content. This record and assessment problem was intermittently considered by the IWG during the months which followed, and it was finally decided that a list of JOC documents covering the IL-II items scheduled for fall discussions in COCOM, would be circulated as a basis for action. Accordingly, IWG/AM-25, "IWG Assessment of Intelligence Furnished JOC on IL-II Commodity Items", was distributed on 3 September. This document requested that member agency analysts provide to the IWG "any pertinent additional or corrective intelligence and/or an assessment of the adequacy of intelligence in the several JOC documents."

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There was an extended discussion at the 30 September meeting on the utility of making an outlay of time and effort in the intelligence community to either (a) establish a permanent record of available commodity intelligence used in the list review, or (b) establish such a file and assess its adequacy under criteria which remained to be determined. It was agreed that a clarification of Executive Committee instructions (ref: ED/EC H-120) on this general subject was required. Mr. Beresford, MDAC/FOA, agreed to provide the Chairman, ING, with a statement as to the purposes for which such an exercise would be intended and a detailed specification of what might be desired in the way of a permanent record and/or an assessment of the intelligence.

The Second Annual Progress Report of the ING, circulated during September to ING, EDAC and IAC, provided an account of ING activities and accomplishments during its second year of operation and a statement of its major problems and programs for the coming year. The report pointed out that "intelligence support could be substantially improved if the Executive Committee would undertake, in collaboration with the ING, advance programming and planning of EDAC intelligence needs." Steps have already been taken to accomplish this objective, as indicated above.

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██████████ worked diligently during the month to establish a workable EXCON file system and to weed out material in these files dating back to 1951. No progress was made by the Export Control Desk, however, in carrying out instructions of the former Chief, D/E, to assemble in the EXCON files (as a central service) the numerous documents which have accumulated in

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the files of individual analysts since the establishment of D/E. It is hoped that this project can be pushed to completion with the assignment of [REDACTED] with work on the EXCON file. During the month, 329 cables were scanned and marked for file; 27 recorded requests for information and/or documents were handled by [REDACTED]

The Executive Secretary, in addition to being concerned with the major activities indicated in the foregoing, consulted on several occasions with Ch/C and with members of the D/E staff preparatory to the meeting of IWG or the production of papers for IWG distribution.

Assistance was given to [REDACTED] in the editing, reproduction and ~~distribution~~ and assembling of the consultant's report on "The Intelligence Support for Economic Warfare", a paper to be distributed for comment of IWG members. It is understood that tentative plans have been made among Messrs. [REDACTED] and Amory for preparation of a Staff Memorandum based on [REDACTED] report. The Executive Secretary conferred also with Mirx [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on EDAC problems of special interest to those offices.

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